

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

*I should not be forced to have a medical and/or hearing test to purchase a hearing aid. If forced FDA should pay for it.*

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

*This is not a problem for me.*

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

*Certainly not!*

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

*Of course I should! I have been very satisfied with hearing aids purchased by mail and I have a profound congenital hearing loss. Also, it is a big savings for me.*

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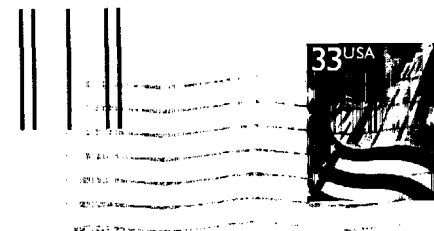
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